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PRESIDENT ROCK:

...(machine cutoff)...eleven having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this morning by Reverend James Johnson, Monroe Street Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND JAMES JOHNSON:

(Prayer by the Reverend James Johnson)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, April 10th; Thursday, April the 11th; Friday, April 12th; and Tuesday April 16th, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-one, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Smith. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and it is so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 86, 147, 209, 290, 551, 599, 602, 603 and 604.

Passed the House, April 16, 1991.

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

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Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 29.

It is congratulatory.

And I have a like message on House Joint Resolution No. 30. Both adopted by the House, April 16, 1991.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills numbered 8, 115 and 198 Do Pass.

Senator Severns, Chairman of the Committee on State Government, Organization and Administration, reports Senate Bills numbered 61, 99, 181 and 234 Do Pass. Senate Bill numbered 45 Do Pass, as Amended. And Executive Order No. 6 Do Not Disapprove.

Senator Carroll, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations I, reports Senate Bill 952 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 206 offered by Senators DeAngelis and Leverenz.

Senate Resolution 207 and 208 offered by Senator Watson.

Senate Resolution 209 -- Senate Joint Resolution 31 offered by Senators Philip and Hudson.

And Senate Joint Resolution 32 offered by Senators Davidson, President Rock, Senators Vadalabene, Geo-Karis and Lechowicz. They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Consent Calendar. Senator Keats, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KEATS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just in the indulgence of the Senate. An old friend and colleague of ours, Leo Becker, the former Senator from Cicero, has been in rather ill health and is hospitalized again, so we thought we would send around a get-well card. So if a page comes around and asks you to sign, it's just a get-well card for Leo Becker. It's not a check. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 210 offered by Senator J.E. Joyce.

And Senate Joint Resolution 33 offered by Senators Schaffer and Dudycz.

They're both substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 34 offered by Senator Collins.

It is obviously substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. We'll begin on Page 2 on the Calendar, and work our way through the Calendar, according to the sponsor's wishes. And then we will adjourn for committees. So begin on top of Page 2. Top of Page 2. I'd ask the Members to please look down the Calendar and indicate if you wish your bill moved. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 13. Senate Bill 41. Read the bill -- read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 41.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

3rd Reading. 43. Senator Maitland. Read the bill, Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 43.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

3rd Reading. 56. Senator Rea. 63. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Madam -- on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading - the middle of Page 2. I'm going to have to ask the staff to please take their conferences off the Floor. Middle of Page 2, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 63. Read the bill, Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 63.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

3rd Reading. 64. Senator Woodyard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 64.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Are there amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Woodyard offers Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, please give the Gentleman your attention. Senator Woodyard, on Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 - a Floor amendment - is a result of discussion and a committee recommendation that -- the bill itself deals with home repair fraud and adding penalties for those who perpetrate the home repair fraud. Certainly, with Senator Alexander and her suggestion to add disabled people under the provisions of this home repair fraud bill, that's what the amendment does. It does bring disabled people under the provisions of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 64. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Are there further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further committee amendments.

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Any amendments -- further amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

3rd Reading. 65. Senator Woodyard. 6-5 is the next bill in line. No. 6-8. Senate Bill 73. Senator Topinka. Read the bill, Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 73.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education offers Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Topinka, Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Committee Amendment No. 1 basically folded in Senate Bill 74 and 75 into this bill, which would allow for the Cook County regional school board to have a secretary other than the regional superintendent, and also to have outside counsel and/or the State's attorney for representation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Committee Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 78. Senator Topinka. Out of the record. Senate Bill 83. Senator Collins. Out of the record. Senate Bill 86. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. On Page 3, Senate Bill 89. Senator Welch. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 89.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 94. Senator Topinka. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 94.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Corrections offers Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Topinka, on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes. Committee Amendment No. 1 would make a campus-type setting an option rather than a preference.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Committee Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further committee amendments.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 98. Senator Daley. Read the bill,
Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 98.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Daley offers Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Daley, Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DALEY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 98 would exempt lottery agencies from contesting their liability for State taxes or the amount of taxes that is due for -- for the department of -- various sales taxes. This amendment was discussed in committee. And it's being done at the request of Lottery. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 104. Senator Barkhausen. Senate Bill 122. Senator Hawkinson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 126. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 126.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you seek recognition?
Senator Fawell, please.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Mr. President, I just thought I'd -- I would tell the Members, there are fifty-three co-sponsors on this bill now. That means there's six that are not. If anybody would like to co-sponsor the bill - it's the -- it's the one on the National Guard -- Desert Storm thing - please do so before I call it for 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 130. Senator Woodyard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 130.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No -- no Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 132. Senator Woodyard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 132.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 139. Senator Joyce. Out of the record. 140. I'm sorry.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 139.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Excuse me.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 140. Senator Joyce. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 140.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 150. Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell. 150. Out of the record. 151. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 151.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Jacobs offers Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is strictly a technical amendment that was done at the request of the committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Will the sponsor yield to a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Indicates he will. Senator Hawkinson, please.

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SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Senator, is this the amendment that we talked about in committee that would take out any substantive changes in the bill? And is it agreed upon by -- by the parties now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Excuse me. Can we have your attention, please. Would you repeat your question, Mr. -- Senator Hawkinson?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Senator, in committee we talked about an agreed amendment that was coming that the Reference Bureau felt that there were some problems that needed to be ironed out, in -- in terms of making sure that the penalty sections were all consistent and some changes in the LSD amounts. Is this the agreed amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes, it is. It is -- it is that amendment that brings everything into sync. Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any further discussion? The question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Turning the Calendar to Page 4. Could we have your attention, please? The volume here is rather loud. Thank you. Senate Bill 154. Senator Jacobs. Out of the record. 155. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 155.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 160. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. 165. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 165.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Hawkinson. Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 1 offered by Senator Hawkinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an amendment that we told the committee was coming. It's suggested by the Municipal League. And it's a -- a technical amendment to make sure that the bill doesn't cause any problems with the bonding. It clarifies the bill -- which is that a person who receives a special assessment ought to have an opportunity to pay without paying interest up front. Then if he doesn't choose to so pay, then interest can be collected. I would ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

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No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 173. Senator Etheredge. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 173.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 177. Senator Dunn. Senator Dunn. Out of the record. 182. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 182.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. 187. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. 197. Senator Rock. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 197.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. 203. Senator Schaffer. Senator Schaffer, Senate Bill 203? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 203.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Schaffer, on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

The -- this bill provides for notification for township road commissioners when a piece of ground is annexed. The bill, as originally introduced, would have null and voided the annexation without the notification. This takes that provision out and just requires the -- the cities to notify or assume liability for lack of notification. It's a compromise the Municipal League worked out with the Township Officials. I think it puts the bill in good shape.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 216. Senator Savickas. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 216.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2-2-9. Senator Joyce. Out of the record. 2-3-3. Senator Hall. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2-3-3.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Hall offers Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Hall, Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This removes a redundant subsection and makes other technical corrections. This is a -- a technical amendment, and I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed.

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Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. 238. Senator Joyce. Out of the record. 242. Senator Dunn. Out of the record. Top of Page 5 appears Senate Bill 243. Senator Dunn. Out of the record. 246. Out of the record. 249. Senator Berman. Out of the record. 50. Out of the record. Senate Bill 256. Senator Donahue. Senate Bill 265. Senator Donahue. Out of the record. Senate Bill 280. Senator Joyce. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 280.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 282. Senator Karpziel. Out of the record. 283. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 318. Senator Daley. Read the bill,

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Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 318.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue offers Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Daley, on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DALEY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 318 restricts the deduction to the amounts received by the taxpayer as advance due to a terminal illness. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. All right. With leave of the committee, we'll go back to Senator Fawell's bill -- leave of the Body. Senator Fawell, are you on the Floor? 150. It's -- it appears on Page 3 of the Calendar on 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 150. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 150.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. The Gentleman from Franklin, Senator Rea, what purpose you seek recognition? Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

56.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Yes, Mr. President. We'd like to have leave to go back to Senate Bill 56.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any objection? Hearing none, Senate Bill 56 on Page 2. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 56.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

3rd Reading. Now let's turn to Page 5, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. 3rd Reading appears Senate Bill 51. Senator Watson. Senator Watson, want to read the bill, 3rd Reading?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Madam Secretary, please read Senate Bill 51. This is 3rd Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 51.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill does exactly what the Calendar says. It amends various Acts to --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Excuse me -- excuse me, Frank. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on 3rd Reading. Would you give the Gentleman your attention, please? Thank you. Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill does exactly what the Calendar says. It amends various Acts to change the county superintendent of highways to county engineer. Right now, current law requires that these people be engineers, and they'd like to have that recognition in the Statutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senator Watson, you're saying that this is a request from the superintendent of highways to change their title to county engineers because that is their training. Is that what you're indicating? And is there any other reason for this change? It appears to be a vehicle of some sort.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Watson.

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SENATOR WATSON:

Well, it's just as you said. That's exactly what they want to do. They want to change their name and create the engineer title. That's what their -- the degree they're required to have. It has nothing to do with a vehicle. I've already talked to Chairman Daley, and this is not a vehicle and has no intention of being so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I -- I was just curious because we're -- we're -- we're kind of -- we're having trouble in some counties getting highway superintendents, and I didn't want to compound the problem by changing this classification to make it more stringent. Because I know, at least, in the County of Greene, for example, they spent at least the last two or three months under a mandate from the Department of Transportation to hire a highway -- superintendent who had the qualifications. And if we're only just changing the title, I'm hoping that -- does this mean that perhaps that these people would be entitled to more money? It would be more difficult for a person to be a engineer versus a highway -- a -- sorry -- a highway - whatever the title is now? Highway superintendent, yeah.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, I don't know if I can answer all -- all those questions. I'm not even sure what all you said there. But anyway - yes, Senator, there is a problem out there right now in -- in counties complying with the law that currently is on the books requiring the engineer. Bond County was one of those counties that had it. But -- but this has nothing to do with this. And this doesn't make it more stringent. It just simply changes the name from

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county superintendent of highways to a -- to an engineer. And -- and that's the degree that they're required to have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So we're not really trying to solve their problem, we're just trying to change the job classification and give them a -- a title of engineer rather than a county superintendent, with no additional compensation being part of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Daley.

SENATOR DALEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to just restate what Senator Watson stated in committee. And he made a commitment to Local -- the Local Government members that this would not be a vehicle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Watson, to close.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Daley is quite correct. I did make that statement, and this is not a vehicle. This has nothing to do with the salaries of the -- of the county engineers, as they will be called now. And would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 51 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 120. Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 120.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. The Illinois Library Association has indicated that this is a vehicle bill for the system grants that will be amended when more is known about the dollars which is available or needed. And I appreciate a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill -- I'm sorry. Lady from DuPage, Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

It's a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

He will not yield. Yeah, I'm sorry.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Yes he does - all the time to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

All right. Senator Sam. He indicates he will.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator Vadalabene, if this is a vehicle, I was told originally that you were going to keep it on 2nd so that when the time came you could -- you could put in whatever the Library was asking for. Am I -- was I wrong?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

No, Senator Fawell, you are not wrong. But I talked to Debbie

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Miller, the lobbyist for the Library Association, and indicated to her, what should I do with this bill. She said, "Move it over to the House and we'll see what happens over there." And that's what I'm doing. And I love you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

With that, are there any further questions? The question is, -- shall -- shall Senate Bill 120 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 153. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 153.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill does exactly what it says. It amends the Municipal Code relating to vacancies in -- in the office of trustee for village boards and in unincorporated -- or in -- in incorporated areas to coincide with what the council/mayor form of government is now - to where the village board trustee -- the village board president would appoint the -- the vacancy and then it would be occurred upon by the advice and consent of the entire board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 153 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is

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open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 6 on your Calendar appears Senate Bill 190. Senator Dunn. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 190.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Ralph Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. This bill will change the law we passed a few years ago, saying that the Kaskaskia Commons -- Commons Fund money will be used for the levee district. They have decided they want to change that, and they want to use some of the funds for educational purposes. It only affects Kaskaskia Island in my district. Has to do with some land grant money that was given by the King of France back in the 1800s. And I'd move the adoption of it. And be glad to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 190 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2-2-1. Senator Kelly. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2-2-1.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This legislation would transfer the authority for the appointment of a township attorney from the board to the supervisor, who would have the appointment authority, and it would provide for the advice and consent of the board. It is consistent with the appointment procedures at the State level, at the county level, and at the municipal level. And it was at the request of the Township Officials of Illinois. And I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Gentleman from Cook, Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR KEATS:

On these township attorneys - and for a moment this has nothing to do with my attorney situation, I'm just aware of some of the complaints - in terms of who actually controls these attorneys. We have had people complain that, frankly, the attorney ends up working strictly for the president or, you know, supervisor, and then ignores the board. And that -- we've had some real internal fights that have been brought to my attention. What I'm wondering is, could this in reality be in response to the fact that the boards are complaining that -- that they aren't able to control these attorneys? What's going on? Because we don't want to end up having the board having one attorney and the supervisor having another.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the request of the Township Officials. They represent not only the supervisor but the trustees, as well. And this is consistent with other forms of government. And, you know, you might say there are special interests going on at the State or municipal or county level right now, but I -- it's -- it's what they want, and I think it's something that we should confirm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any further discussion? Gentleman from LaSalle, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you. I don't really have a question, I guess, I -- I just don't understand why we're taking authority away from -- usually the township board has five members, so we're going to make our five township board -- board members mad at us and make the supervisor happy, I guess, Senator Kelly. It doesn't make -- it doesn't make sense to me to give all of the authority to the supervisor, because the attorney also serves the assessor, as well as the board, as well as the supervisor. So I'm not sure why we're giving all the authority to the supervisor. Of course, the board may be of a different party than the supervisor, as well. So downstate we certainly have those problems. You probably have 'em up there too, Senator. But I -- I don't see any real reason to do this. And frankly, it doesn't sound like the Township Officials gave you much of a reason for doing it either, Senator Kelly. Maybe at the meeting they voted on this there were more supervisors present than board members. That's about the only rationale I -- I see here. So I -- I don't see any reason to change the law myself, so I'm voting No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Lady from DuPage, Senator Fawell. Fawell, please.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think maybe I can put a little light on this. Under the old law, the township supervisors and the township board were the ones who, in effect, appointed the -- the township attorney. In reality, it was usually the township supervisor who went out and found the attorney, and -- and the rest of the township board went basically along with it. Township boards still have something to say about it. Number one, they've got to -- it goes with the advice and consent of the township board. In the second place, they're the ones that have the power of saying whether the guy's going to get paid or not. So it seems to me that this is a logical way to go. If the township -- township officials want the bill, I don't understand why there should be any problems with it. They have spoken to me, as Minority Spokesman of Local Government. They seem to all agree that this was the way to go. Assessors and road commissioners never have had anything to say about who they should hire as an attorney to advise the township board. I think it's a good bill, and I think we ought to support it. And I suggest that my colleagues, anyway, vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Lady from Cook, Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, stand in support of this piece of legislation. It just brings into conformity what other units of government -- villages and -- at other levels - how they choose their attorneys. The township supervisor is the head of the township government. And while the assessor and road commissioner and other elected officials certainly are also important, with the advice and consent of the trustees, I think that this brings into conformity the process for townships that

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other bodies of governments enjoy. And I -- I would strongly urge your support of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Gentleman from St. Clair, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This poses a great problem for many of us. I would ask Senator Kelly -- we haven't had a chance to check with that because -- I've got a problem down there. My township supervisor -- that he and the board are after it, and just -- all that I would say is that I wish we -- could see -- if you might take it out of the record and give us an opportunity, and call it back at the first of the week. Could you do that, Senator Kelly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Senator, I don't mind you polling your constituency. I just think you've got a busy agenda right now, and you're going to have about as tough time as I am. I had -- I haven't even made a poll or -- of my -- all the trustees in my area. But I've talked to some of them and I've talked to the Township Officials to advise them that this bill wasn't going to go very far if it was opposed by the trustees. And they advised me that there wasn't any problem, the trustees would be in support of this. I don't know. I -- I'd just as leave go, but it's -- if I have a number of people that would like to hold it, but I don't think we got enough time to hold it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Karpziel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I don't know why we're spending such a great deal of time on this bill. It's still with

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the advice and consent of the township board. The supervisor is the person, who in most cases - as an ex-supervisor, I -- I know - that is the one that is there in the office doing all the -- the administrative things. The township board shows up perhaps once a month at a meeting. If there is a disagreement - the township board does not like who the supervisor is choosing - they don't have to agree with it at -- at the township meeting. They don't have to agree to the salary. They don't have to pay 'em, as Senator Fawell said. It's a -- it's a very clear-cut bill to ease the administrative burden on a township supervisor. And I stand in strong support of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Kelly, to close.

SENATOR KELLY:

I would appreciate your favorable support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Question is, shall Senate Bill 2-2-1 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? According to Adeline, you got it, Dick. Please, take the record. On this question, there are 53 Ayes, 3 Nays, 2 recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Also on your Calendar, on Page 6, appears House Bill 105, 3rd Reading. Senator Joyce. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 105.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 105 expands the -- well,

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this deals with the Rural Bond Bank. And it expands the definition of "governmental unit" to be all-inclusive of local governments and their entities. It further expands the definition, in certain circumstances, to include units that are partially located outside of a rural county. It also permits the bank to transfer to GRF in any amount to -- the commissioners deem in excess revenues back to the General Revenue Fund. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

Question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR KEATS:

Does this expand -- and I apologize, we just don't have the analysis. This does not expand the power of the Rural Bond Bank? Give them any new powers they don't presently have, other than the geographical issue you're raising?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Yes. No. It -- it -- it clarifies the definition of "local government." And -- and the problem is now - and I'll just tell you what it is - that -- that in a county that's a rural county, if a little piece of a town, maybe fifteen or twenty people happen to be in an urban county, it would say that this, you know, they are still part of that rural county. And it also lets them -- any excess monies the commissioners deem that they have, put it back in the General Revenue Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Any further discussion? Senator Joyce, to close. I'm sorry.
Senator Keats. One more.

SENATOR KEATS:

The second question is, since the board has not demonstrated real good common sense a couple times so far, this doesn't give them more bonding authority either.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Joyce, to close. Question is, shall House Bill 105 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bills 2nd Reading -- before we get to that order, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give a warm welcome to a former Member of this Body, now Judge Clarence Darrow. Clarence, good to have you here today. Good to see you. Appears House Bill 2-7-7. Senator Luft, you want to read the bill -- have the bill read? 2nd Reading? Okay. Madam Secretary, let's go to House Bills 1st Reading. None. Okay. Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 12. Senator Joyce. It's on Page 7 of the Calendar. Read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 offered by Senator Joyce.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is on behalf of a former member.
Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

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Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This names the Washington Avenue Bridge over the Kankakee River in Kankakee after Ed McBroom, a former colleague of ours.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution pass -- 12 pass. All in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. And the -- resolution is adopted. Also appearing is -- on the Calendar, Page 7, Senate Conference Committee Reports, Senate Joint Resolution 1. Senator Berman. Maitland, I'm sorry. Senator Maitland. You want to read the -- want to read it? Madam Secretary, Conference Committee Report No. 1.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The First Conference Committee Report on Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate joint resolution re-creates House Joint Resolution 18, that we passed a year ago, that created the Task Force on School Finance. It did make some minor changes. It enlarged the Task Force to include additional legislators and additional public members, as well. I would be happy to respond to any of your questions, otherwise would seek your support of this First Conference Committee Report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any discussion? The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate -- Senate Joint Resolution 1. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, vote Nay. The

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voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none recorded as Present. And the Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Joint Resolution 1. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. That concludes the agenda for today. Senator Rock. Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would just call your attention to the fact that the Committee on Executive Appointments is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning at the hour of 8:00 a.m. The Senate will come into Session at nine. And we will attempt to handle any business with dispatch, so that Members can get on the road and get back to their district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. There are a number of bills that have been requested to be reassigned. I think the Committee -- the Clerk has them -- the Secretary has the list on her desk. There are a number of bills on this list. I would simply move to discharge the following bills from their prescribed committees that are on this list, and have them re-referred to the committee that it's now being -- it's being reassigned to. It's my understanding that the list has been checked and cleared with the Republican side. And if -- if it's not necessary to read all of these into the record, simply to use the list that's on the Secretary's Desk, I would so move that we, in fact, reassign the following bills and discharge the appropriate committees and have them reassigned to the committees that are on the list.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any objection to that? Hearing none, it's so -- so -- so

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moved. The Clerk has about a few resolutions to attend to. You want to read in the resolutions?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 211 offered by Senator Jerome Joyce.

Senate Resolution 212 offered by Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolution 213 offered by Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolution 214 offered by Senator Jacobs.

Senate Resolution 215 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 216 offered by Senator Etheredge.

Senate Resolution 217 offered by Senator Hawkinson.

Senate Resolution 218 offered by Senators Vadalabene and Hudson.

And Senate Joint Resolution 35 offered by Senators Woodyard, Dudycz, Madigan, Hawkinson, Davidson, Rea and Schuneman. They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 36 offered by Senator del Valle. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Executive Committee. Gentleman -- Senator Demuzio --

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record also to reflect, today, that Senator Newhouse is absent due to illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

So -- the record will so reflect. Senator Philip, do you have anyone that's absent? Pate. Is there anyone absent that you want to have excused? Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

We're all here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

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Good. Senator Davidson, what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Proceed.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Just want to remind all the Members of the Senate who weren't present yesterday that the Governor's Prayer Breakfast is on Thursday morning, May the 9th. There was a letter put on all of your desks yesterday. If you wish to purchase a ticket, we need to hear from you by May 2nd, so you can have a reserved spot at one of the center tables. They're eight-fifty. Please call my girl. And I know you're all trustworthy, but it's cash in advance. And if you pay the -- by check, make it out to the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. The speaker is Mr. Pollard, the chairman and CEO of Servicemaster Corporation in Chicago.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move to discharge Senate Bill 1362 from the Revenue Committee for the purposes of Tabling.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any objection? Senate Bill 1362. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Ayes have it. Senate 1362 is discharged from the Executive Committee. And the Gentleman now would like to have leave of the Body to Table Senate Bill 1362. Hearing no objection, Senate Bill 1362 is Tabled. Senator Marovitz, what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. The Executive Committee will meet at two o'clock this afternoon in Room 212. We'd like to start right at two o'clock with our first bill. Also, I move that

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we waive the -- posting requirements so that those bills can be heard in Executive today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Any objection? The Gentleman asks leave of the Body to waive the posting requirements for bills to be heard in Executive today. Hearing no objections, bills are -- are waived. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I just want to reiterate that the Executive Appointments and Veterans Affairs Committee will meet at eight o'clock promptly tomorrow morning in Room 212. I would appreciate if we would be there early for this meeting. The Session will be at nine tomorrow, and we'd like to do our business. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Senator Severns, what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I seek leave to have two bills, in which I'm a chief sponsor, Tabled - Senate Bill 624 and Senate Bill 929.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Lady asks leave of the Body to Table two bills - Senate Bills 624 and -- 929?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

929.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LECHOWICZ)

Hearing no objection -- is there any objection? Hearing none, both bills are Tabled. With that, that concludes the agenda for today. This Body will stand adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m., October -- I'm sorry, April 18th. Have a nice day. Senate stands adjourned.

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